

DRY BILL FIGHT PUT OFF UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY

House Committee Votes to Begin Hearings on Sheppard Bill Week From Today.

NO TIME LIMIT IS SET

Anti-Saloon League Workers Present at Meeting When Decision Is Reached.

At the end of a lively executive session, the House District Committee voted today to begin hearings next Tuesday on the Sheppard prohibition bill. No time limit was set upon the hearings. The committee will proceed in a "first come first served fashion" until it hears what it believes to be a sufficient number of witnesses.

The vote to open hearings next Tuesday was carried in committee by a vote of 8 to 5, but this was not indicative of the "wet" and "dry" alignment. The question was whether to start hearings on prohibition at the conclusion of the hearings on the Lewis telephone bill or to name a definite date for taking up the Sheppard measure.

Urged Immediate Hearings. Congressman Ragdale moved that the hearings begin "immediately after the Lewis telephone bill is disposed of." He intended this as a motion to expedite matters, believing that the Lewis hearings could be brought to an end tomorrow. But the prohibitionist members of the committee voted against the Ragdale motion, along with one or two "wets." Both sides seemed to prefer the naming of a "day certain" to open the hearings.

Andrew Wilson, president, and A. E. Shoemaker, attorney, representing the Anti-Saloon League, were present at the meeting today. So was Congressman Barkley of Kentucky, author of a bill similar to the Sheppard measure, and the Rev. John MacMurray, representing the Pastors' Federation.

Mr. Shoemaker said following the committee action that but few witnesses would be produced on behalf of the prohibition side of the question.

Will Accomplish Little. "The hearings will accomplish little as the matter has been thrashed out," said Mr. Shoemaker. "We do not expect them to change a vote, but we will have several persons to present the arguments in favor of the bill."

Charles C. Columbus, secretary of the Referendum Association of the District, was another attendant about the committee room today. He informally signified the desire of the association to be heard in behalf of a referendum amendment, and the request will be granted.

Chairman Ben Johnson left a sick bed in order to attend the executive session of the committee today. But fourteen of the twenty-one members of the committee were present.

No Record Vote Taken. On the motion to begin hearings next Tuesday no record vote was taken. Members of the committee are believed to appreciate the fact that a further delay may cause the "dry" to lay siege at the doors of the House Committee on Rules in an effort to have the District Committee discharged from consideration of the prohibition bill. Under the circumstances the committee decided that it was the fair thing to proceed with the hearings, although it is generally understood the complexion of the District Committee is "dry."

Congressman Ragdale's motion—which appears to have been misunderstood by some members—to start hearings "after the hearings on the telephone bill" was defeated by an 8 to 5 vote as follows:

Ayes: Ragdale, Dooling, Bailey, Focht, Wheeler and Darrow.

Nays: Lloyd, Burke, Vinson, Cary, Hilliard, Mapes, Gould and Johnson.

SOON TO SEND FLETCHER

Dispatch of Ambassador Means Full Recognition of Carranza.

American Ambassador Fletcher will be sent to his post, in Mexico City, "very soon," it was officially learned today.

This official recognition of Carranza marks the second step in President Wilson's new policy toward Mexico. The first was withdrawal of General Pershing's army.

The Mexican Government has been notified of Fletcher's coming and General Carranza will send a representative to this Government who will be formally recognized. Thereafter all negotiations will be carried on through regularly established diplomatic channels.

INAUGURAL BILL PASSED

Senate Adopts Joint Resolution Appropriating \$40,000.

The Senate today adopted the joint resolution to provide for the maintenance of public order and protection of life and property in connection with the inaugural ceremonies. Senator John Walter Smith called up the resolution, and it was adopted without debate. It appropriates \$50,000 to enable the District Commissioners to maintain order from February 28 to March 10, inclusive, and \$5,000 for public convenience stations.

LINER DOCKS WITH WARNING OF U-BOATS

The Cunarder Carmania Notified Passengers To Be Ready to Leave Ship.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Unusual precautions are being taken aboard liners of the belligerent nations to insure the safety of passengers in view of the probability of arming them with more than one gun, and thus (from the German viewpoint) lessening immunity.

This was attested by passengers of the Cunarder Carmania, in from the Liverpool. They found posted at the door of the main companionway elaborate instructions to officers, crew, and passengers in case of attack by submarine. The essential part of the notice, headed "Warning" and sub-headed "Submarine Alarm," said:

"Signal on ship's whistle, two long and two short blasts: ship is being chased or in danger of gunfire. Passengers will go to stations with the lifeboats. Remainder will prepare the boats for lower deck. Firemen and trimmers will double up the watches and stow coal in engine room and raise all possible steam, all bulkhead doors being kept closed. Remainder of men will go to their boat stations or put out fires that may occur."

"The doctor will see to the removal of all sick persons from the hospital, ready to be placed in the boats."

"Safety of all depends on the strict observance of above instructions."

The Carmania sailed from Liverpool unannounced and kept her wireless muffled on the way. She saw nothing of enemy submarines or cruisers on the trip. She carried a six-inch gun mounted aft. Whether she will mount another gun later depends on the British admiralty, the agents of the line knowing nothing of the matter.

REPORT FAVORABLY ON DR. GRAYSON

Naval Committee Members Place Question Before Senate for Decision.

Following a hearing before the Senate Naval Committee today the nomination of Dr. Gary T. Grayson, physician to the President, to be medical director with rank of rear admiral, was favorably reported. This action was taken by party vote.

This means that the fight to overcome confirmation of Dr. Grayson is transferred from the committee to the Senate.

Questioned By Lodge. Dr. Grayson was before the committee for about an hour, and was closely questioned by various Senators, especially Senators Lodge and Forister.

It was brought out that Dr. Grayson in thirteen years of service was at sea only two years and the rest of the time was in Washington or on the Maryland, chiefly as aide to the President. It also was brought out that instead of being subjected to an examination January 17 to determine his fitness for promotion he was allowed to present a thesis.

Report Others Favorably. The committee ordered favorable reports on the other nominations of rear admirals pending. These included Medical Inspector Braced, Civil Engineer Harris and Pay Director McJowan.

PRESIDENT ON LINKS EARLY

Will Not Go to the Capitol for Conferences Today.

To make up for time lost on the golf links yesterday, when he was caught in a heavy rainstorm and forced to flee for shelter, President Wilson went out early today, and spent more than an hour and a half at his favorite pastime. Heavy rubbers covered his feet, and the wet condition of the ground did not interfere with his playing.

The President will not go to the Capitol today, although it is expected he will confer with a number of Congressmen and Senators at the White House. Their names do not appear on the engagement list, however.

The President's program for the day follows:

12:30 o'clock, Washington correspondents.

2 o'clock, the Cabinet.

5 o'clock, Henry Bruere, of New York.

8 o'clock, Supreme Court dinner.

STILL FIGHTING AT VERDUN

French and Germans Alternately Attacking Hill 304.

BERLIN, Jan. 30.—(via Sayville wire.)—Unsuccessful evening attacks by French forces against positions on height 304, won last week by German troops, were reported officially today. Elsewhere on the western front there were reconnoitering engagements in the Artois sector and a temporarily lively artillery combat south of the Aisne.

In Macedonia there were clashes in the lowlands of the Carina bend and the Struma between reconnoitering detachments.

"No important events" were reported elsewhere.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—Infantry fire stopped a German attack on a French trench in the region of hill 304 today, the official statement declared.

The war office reported intermittent cannonading on the remainder of the front and three enemy airplanes brought down.

MUST ROPE OFF REVIVAL PEWS

Audiences That Jam Tabernacle Make Reservations Necessary.

"SAMSON" TOPIC TONIGHT

Gypsy Smith, Jr., Will Preach First Spectacular Sermon This Evening.

Confronted with the problem of seating the crowds at the tabernacle at Sixteenth and V streets northwest, the executive committee having charge of the Gypsy Smith, Jr., evangelistic services today decided to reserve seats for certain churches and delegations by roping off rows of benches.

The Rev. Dr. John Carpenter Palmer, chairman of the executive committee, said the step was the only solution the committee had been able to reach. Seats will be reserved in this manner for only the first week. "After that it will be first come first served," he said.

"Samson" Tonight. Tonight, when Gypsy Smith, Jr., preaches his first real spectacular sermon, "Samson," seats will be reserved for the congregations of the following churches:

Northminster, Gunton Temple Memorial, Fifteenth street, Chevy Chase, and Church of the Covenant. More than two hundred seats in Section B, directly in front of the evangelist's pulpit, will be reserved for Bible class students from Alexandria who will be headed by Judge James Barley. Judge Barley will be asked to make an address just before the evangelist begins his sermon.

Providing For Comfort. Owing to the heavy rain yesterday, Dr. Palmer had a large force of workmen at the tabernacle today putting in wooden footrests. Long before the services begin tonight Dr. Palmer expects to have thick wide boards beneath and in front of each of the 3,000 seats, so as to prevent any of the men and women from getting their feet damp. A considerable quantity of dusters and shawls was added to the trails today, but the fire marshal would not permit the use of any more sawdust because of its inflammable nature.

As soon as it began to rain yesterday, Dr. Palmer and other members of the tabernacle went there and began directing the plastering of the lower boarding to keep the water out of the building. The ministers and workmen labored for several hours before making the structure water tight. The stoves were then fired up to the fullest capacity so as to make the heat as intense as possible and dry out the building.

Scripture Reading. Dr. Palmer will preside at tonight's services. The Rev. Hubert Rex Johnson, pastor of Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, will read the lesson from the Scriptures, while the Rev. James Shera Montgomery, pastor of Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, in Mt. Pleasant, will offer the opening prayer.

Should the crowd tonight be too large to be accommodated in the tabernacle, as was the case Sunday night, the overflow meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

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PRESSES DISTRICT BILLS

Senator Pomerene Asks Consideration at Night Session.

Senator Pomerene in the Senate today demanded that due consideration be given to District of Columbia measures pending on the calendar. He especially emphasized the juvenile civil bill.

Senator Pomerene touched on the subject of District legislation when Senator Stanford asked for a special session tonight to consider the Porto Rico bill. Senator Pomerene objected and declared if there was to be a session tonight measures on the calendar ought to be taken up and especially District bills which if delayed might not be passed.

In the end, on a vote, it was decided 49 to 3 to take up the Porto Rico bill at this session tonight.

FOOD PROBE NEARS CLIMAX

Development "Soon" Expected in Federal Investigation.

"Developments" are to be expected "soon" in the Federal investigation into the alleged manipulation of the food market, it was stated today at the Department of Justice by those in intimate touch with the course of the probe.

Despite the shroud of utter secrecy which has been thrown around the activities of the department and the lack of any information whatever as to its progress, it was said that Federal agents conducting the probe are working "at top speed."

POET-SCOUT NEAR DEATH

Capt. Jack Crawford III of Pneumonia at New York Home.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Capt. Jack Crawford, poet scout, and successor to Buffalo Bill as chief scout of the United States army, is believed to be dying of pneumonia at his home in Queens borough. He is seventy years old. He contracted a severe cold at Boston while on a lecture trip.

CUMMINS HITS AT PEACE PLANS

Senator Declares President's Conception Leads Straight to "Hell of War."

WARNS NATION TO THINK

Says League Would Bind Us to Spend Treasure in Alien Cause.

"A march straight into the hell of war." This was the startling language used by Senator Cummins in the Senate this afternoon in describing what it was President Wilson actually proposed in urging the league to enforce peace in his recent address to the Senate.

Declaring his utter opposition to the league to enforce peace, Senator Cummins took the position the sentiments expressed in the Wilson message hid the real objects of the President.

"Sad Spectacle," He Says. "It is a sad spectacle," he said, "to see a flag raised in devotion to the heaven of peace leading a march straight to the hell of war."

Saying that the message of the President abounded and overflowed with just and beautiful sentiments so eternally right that they instantly commanded the approval of all lovers of humanity, Senator Cummins advised that the people of the country ask themselves whether the course proposed by the President would establish permanent peace and really promote liberty and happiness.

Would Help People Think. Senator Cummins said it was because he wanted to help his countrymen answer such inquiries that he devoted himself to "the task of separating in the President's message the universally accepted generalities which mean nothing but pleasure to the ear from the startling announcements with respect to the formation of a new and supreme government which is to command our resources in both blood and treasure."

"I begin by affirming as my belief," said Senator Cummins, "that if this country shall do what the President proposes we will be engaged, either almost continuously or at all over this world, or we will be engaged in almost constant rebellion against the authority which he proposes to set up over us."

Believes President Is Honest. The Senator gave President Wilson credit for being sincere and "honest in this delusion" concerning the advisability of a league to enforce peace.

He pointed out the proposal for a league to enforce peace was not new, but had been before the world for centuries and had been urged in this country by men of prominence long before the President took it up.

"These facts make the action about to be taken by the President," said Senator Cummins, "a serious and formidable and the suggestion calls upon those of us who believe that the plan can end in nothing but disaster to utter a word of warning."

Approves Arbitration Court. Senator Cummins said he had always approved of a world court of arbitration, but when it was proposed to confer on such a tribunal or league sovereignty and the power to use arms and to enforce its decisions, he said he could not support it.

Then saying that he approved efforts of the President to bring about (Continued on Fourth Page.)

EXTRA SESSION PROBABLE

President May Hold Over Congress After Inauguration.

Whether the President will call an extra session of Congress after March 2, depends entirely upon the progress made in carrying out the Administration legislative program at the present session.

This fact became known at the White House and the legislators who desire to go home after the inauguration have begun to put more speed into their work.

It is understood that the President is making ready to have Congress remain with him for an extra session in the event that the present body does not complete the program.

EARTH TREMOR REGISTERED

Georgetown Observatory Receives Quake Impressions.

An exceptionally severe earthquake, which took place somewhere within 5,000 miles of Washington, was registered continuously for more than three hours by the seismograph at the Georgetown University, beginning at 9:57 o'clock last night and lasting until 12:53 o'clock this morning.

At 10:26 o'clock the disturbance reached such a degree that two of the needles from the instruments were completely dislodged from their pivots. The earthquake, it is stated, must have been a very severe one, in whatever community it occurred.

The instruments, which registered the horizontal tremors, it is stated, Father Francis A. Tondorf, S. J., who is in charge of the instruments at the university, stated that for the past month, there has been a conspicuous lack of any disturbance of this nature. This is abnormal, it is stated, for the reason that at this time of the year there are frequent registrations, usually shown on the instruments which indicate an earthquake.

BARUCH ADMITS PROFITS OF \$476,168 BUT HE DENIES ALL KNOWLEDGE OF LEAK

RESOLUTIONS OFFERED IN SENATE ON WILSON PEACE LEAGUE PLAN

By Senator McCumber, Republican.

"Resolved, that, while the Senate joins with the President in the earnest hope for a speedy termination of the war now devastating the greater portion of the earth, that such war may be brought to an end without crushing any of the great peoples engaged therein; and that a world compact for the preservation of peace and the diminution of armaments so conditioned that this country can with honor and national safety subscribe to its terms and join in its enforcement, may be entered into by all the great nations of the earth, as suggested in the address of the President before the Senate on January 22, 1917, the Senate nevertheless regrets that it is unable to agree with the President, either on the major propositions that the peace must be a peace without victory, or the many other matters which the President suggests as conditions precedent to the entrance of this country into such a compact; but no matter how this war may end, this country, deeply impressed with its slaughter, its devastation, and its baneful influence on civilization and progress, should stand ready at all times, irrespective of the terms of peace, which the necessity of any belligerent may compel it to accept, to exercise its influence and to act jointly with other world powers to strengthen the bonds of international comity and good will, and to lend its moral and physical support to the end that no such war may ever again blacken the earth."

By Senator Lewis, Democrat.

"Resolved, that it is the sense of the United States Senate that the address of the President of the United States, delivered to the Senate on the twenty-second day of January, 1917, does not propose the abolition or limitation of the Monroe doctrine of America in its effect or application to any part of the Western Hemisphere; nor does it propose to send the army or navy of the United States, or any military or naval power of the United States, to any foreign territory, except when necessary to preserve the peace of the United States or to protect the just rights of America or an American where the same is assailed."

IS OAK TREE VALUE REAL OR ROMANTIC? FORCED TO PUNISH WARDEN OSBORNE

Condemnation Jury Struggles With Question in Determining McLean Estate Damage.

Is a value of \$5,000 for a living oak tree over 100 years old romance or reality? That was one question raised today during the taking of testimony in the District Supreme Court relative to damages which will be done by the proposed widening of Wisconsin avenue.

Testimony was given by expert horticulturists, landscape gardeners, nursery proprietors and construction estimators, who told of the thousands of dollars damage which will be done to the property by the taking of between twenty-seven and twenty-eight feet from its eastern extremity, so that the avenue can be widened to that extent.

Expert Witnesses. Wilton J. Lambert, attorney for the McLean interests, summoned J. Henry Small, William F. Gude, and other experts on trees and shrubbery, and E. C. Splitt, estimator for large construction firms, to testify as to the extent of damage which condemnation of the outer edge of the property will work.

Repeatedly throughout the testimony the value of the magnificent oaks, the ivy which covers the pillars and walls, the half mile or more of six-foot California privet hedge caused witnesses and attorneys representing the District and other interested parties to clash over whether or not appraisals of the experts were romantic or real.

Values Oaked at \$5,000 Each. Mr. Small testified that the large oaks which will have to be cut down in the event the condemnation jury so decrees were invaluable. Pinned down to actual value of the trees he declared that if the trees were on his place he would not take \$5,000 (Continued on Third Page.)

CHARGED WITH MURDER

Grand Jury Returns Indictment Against James B. Ragland.

James B. Ragland, a printer, was today indicted by the grand jury on a charge of murder in the first degree in connection with the shooting of Samuel W. Taylor in a room of the Sterling Hotel on January 14.

Ragland and Taylor engaged a room at the hotel several hours preceding the tragedy. The defendant told the police, following the killing of Taylor that he acted in self defense. The grand jury returned twenty-eight other indictments.

ARSENIC FOR CAKES, 5 DEAD

Farmer's Wife By Mistake Poisons Four Sons and Grandson.

DANFORTH, Ill., Jan. 30.—Mrs. O. J. Meints, wife of a farmer living west of here, killed her four sons and her grandson by mistaking arsenic for pancake flour.

In the farmhouse today are the bodies of Theodore, Ervin, Mino and Fred Meints, sons, and Clarence Meints, grandson, the son of Sebo Meints.

Witness Says Phone Talk With McAdoo Concerned Reserve Bank.

GIVES RECORDS TO PROBERS

Explains Clean Up as Being Based on Lloyd-George Speech.

ONE "BUT" NETTED FORTUNE

Testifies He Took Special Train to Capital Merely to Keep Engagement.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Having failed to open up any leak trail in official German circles after reeling Archibald B. White to the stand and grilling him on his relations with Count von Bernstorff, the House news leak committee today renewed grilling Bernard Baruch, spectacular stock market operator, and Democratic campaign contributor.

Cleaned Up \$476,168. From him they learned he had "cleaned up" \$476,168 between December 10 and 23, the so-called "leak period."

Baruch invited the committee to fire all the questions they could. These questions developed that Baruch made a telephone recommendation to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo during the leak period regarding an appointment to the Federal Reserve bank here, upon request of Colonel House, President Wilson's confidential adviser.

Special Train to Capital. Incidentally Baruch, who had waded through a lot of thousands of shares of stocks in the strength of "leak" talk and movements in the air, admitted hiring a special train to reach Washington December 6 an hour ahead of the regular train.

This, he said, was to obviate delays and be sure to get in on time for an engagement at the office of the Secretary of War with the National Defense Advisory Council.

Baruch again denied having any leak information, denied any meeting with Count von Bernstorff, or any communication with Secretary Taft during the leak period.

One "But" Made Fortune. The word "but," in the ticker report of David Lloyd-George's speech netted Baruch a liberal part of nearly half million dollar clean-up during recent peace maneuvers.

"I began selling hard and fast when the 'but' appeared, for it meant that Lloyd-George was leaving the peace door open," Baruch explained to the House news leak committee today, as he revealed a "short" sale of 28,400 shares of steel on that day.

White Denies Everything. The committee got only denials and negation from Archibald White when he went on the stand at the beginning of today's session of the leak committee.

White, associate of Bernstorff, Thomas W. Lawson and other diplomatic and financial lights, calmly denied having any advance information from German quarters or elsewhere, either on the Kaiser's peace move, voiced by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, or on President Wilson's subsequent note to the belligerents.

Nor had he traded during the leak period, either for himself or for persons in official life in Washington, he said.

Questioned on German Angle. The first questions fired at White bore on the German angle solely.

Attorney Whipple quoted testimony previously taken in Washington suggesting that German diplomatic sources had advance knowledge of the President's note.

But White denied having shared in such knowledge of operations or any of his official friends.

Attorney Whipple veered off the German angle suddenly, and then Republican members took the witness in hand. But they got little. White politely dodged expression of any opinion on the subject of Representative Campbell's inquiry, "Do you think Lawson should be in jail or in the asylum?"

Lawson's Talk Dramatic. White said that Lawson's conversations were "dramatic," though he had "not taken them seriously."

Barney Baruch, spectacular operator, was called as the next witness, and the committee was ready also to query representatives of B. F. Hutton & Co., brokers, as to operations during the leak period.

Committee members said Wall Street records indicated "perhaps a dozen" big operators would have to be examined as to their dealings during the leak period.

Baruch denied having any special arrangements for getting news from Washington other than the newspapers and the "ticker."

Baruch Sold At Loss. He laid on the table a complete record of his dealings during the time under investigation.

Tracing his dealings in United States Steel from December 11 on, Baruch explained that he was "long"